

are in the first rank of the thousands which we must send across the sea. And as I think of the winter that lies before them I earnestly pray that we may reach them with every comfort and encouragement that we can.

"We need a combination of the American business man and the American who has had scientific training, but we also need those who know and love their own kind and whose business it must be to keep up the morale, to feed the spiritual and mental life of the American soldier. They need entertainment to help them to laugh away some of the grimness of the present and immediate future.

"They need the right sort of literature and a place to go when they want to keep quiet and they need most of all men who understand the American boy, who are able to win his respect and love and who will be a friend who has no other motive but to bring cheer and helpfulness and good will into the hearts of the young Davids we have sent forth to meet the great sinister Goliath who threatens the peace of the chosen people of God."

## Books

**The Book of Freeman.** By Julius F. Seebach. George H. Doran Company, New York. \$1.25. This is a most interesting and instructive volume. In a most pleasing and original way, it tells of the origin and history of the Bible, and of its influence of the world. Any student of the Bible will have his appreciation of it greatly increased and his interest in it deepened by the reading of this book.

**The Supernatural or Fellowship With God.** By David A. Murray, D. D. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. \$1.50. The author shows the place of fellowship with God in the Christian religion. He refutes the attacks upon the miraculous element in religion and shows that it is indispensable to revealed religion and Christian belief. He contends that there is no conflict between science and faith, and shows the value of the Bible to believers of to-day.

**The Prophets and the War.** By Charles Carroll Albertson, D. D. Publishers, The Meridian Press, New York. \$1.00. This book is an interesting study of a number of passages from the prophets, in the light of the present war experiences of the world. The author does not attempt to show that the war is foretold by the prophets, but rather to show that there is a certain parallelism between the present conditions and those of the days of the prophets.

**For France and the Faith** is a collection of most interesting letters written by a young French soldier, Alfred Eugene Casalis, to members of his family, without any thought of their being published. He was not only a loyal soldier to his country, but also a true and faithful soldier of Jesus Christ. His letters give many interesting statements in regard to the life and experience of a young soldier during the first year of the war. But their chief charm is the way he opens his heart and shows his faith in God, and his firm faith in Him, and his devotion to the service of the Great King. The book will prove specially helpful to soldiers, as it will show what it is to be a faithful soldier of God as well as to be a loyal soldier to his country. Those who

have friends in the army would do well to send them copies of this book. It is published by the Association Press, New York, and sells for sixty cents.

**China From Within.** By Charles Ernest Scott, D. D. Publishers, Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. Price, \$1.75. Dr. Scott is a missionary in China. While on furlough in this country in 1914-1915 he was asked to deliver the course of Mission Lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary. The lectures constitute this volume. It is a very valuable presentation of the history, character, life and customs of the Chinese people, and of the influence of Western ideas upon them, and especially of the way the gospel is influencing them. The author is thoroughly familiar with the subjects of which he writes. Anyone wishing to learn something of this great and wonderful people will find in this book that which will supply his needs.

**The Cross at the Front.** By Thomas Tiplady. Publishers, Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. Price, \$1.00. Mr. Tiplady is a field chaplain on the Western front with the British army. This book is a series of letters in which he gives many interesting incidents of the war, and what may be called an inside view of the soldiers' character and point of view in regard to many things, especially in regard to religion. It would be a good present to send to a soldier.

**Why I believe the Bible.** By Rev. David James Burrell, D. D. Publishers, Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. Price, \$1.00. Dr. Burrell is the pastor of the Marble Collegiate Reformed church, New York. He is well known to many all over this country through the valuable books he has published and the able sermons and lectures he has delivered in many places. This book is a clear and sound presentation of the orthodox view of the Bible as the word of God. It deals with its claim, its unity, completeness, efficiency, literary value, its up-to-dateness, trustworthiness, influence on personal and national life, its system of doctrine, its moral code, its plan of salvation, and other such subjects. By reading it the Christian's faith in the Bible will be strengthened, and it is hard to see how a skeptic could read it without being convinced that the Bible is the inspired word of God.

## Marriages

**Kerksieck-Manly:** On October 17, 1917, at her father's house in Memphis, Miss Margaret Manly was married by Dr. Sommerville to Mr. Frank William Kerksieck, of Stuttgart, Ark.

**McCuller-Hazlewood:** October 24th in Gordon, Ark., by Rev. E. M. Munroe, D. D., Mr. P. A. McCuller and Mrs. Minnie Hazlewood.

**Newton-Frederickson:** At Richmond, Va., Thursday, November 1, 1917, by Rev. W. L. Lingle, D. D., Mr. George L. Newton, of Benson, N. C., and Miss Amelia Frederickson, of Richmond, Va.

**Slack-Daugherty:** On Wednesday, October 31st, at the residence of the bride's father, Hon. D. B. Daugherty, in Huntington, W. Va., by the Rev. John K. Hitner, Mr. Gilbert Lee Slack and Miss Hazel H. Daugherty, both of Huntington.

**Thomas-Walls:** Dr. P. E. Thomas, Jr., and Miss Louise Walls were married by Rev. J. H. Morrison, D. D., in the Presbyterian church at Holly Grove, Ark., October 28, 1917. They

make their present home in Alexandria, La., where Lieutenant Thomas is stationed in the United States Medical Reserve Corps. Miss Walls is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walls, and Lieutenant Thomas is a nephew to Rev. R. H. Crozier, deceased, author and pastor of Palestine, Texas, for many years.

## Deaths

**Cook:** At his home near Attapulgus, Ga., on the morning of October 18, 1917, Dr. Ariel Cook "fell on sleep." He was an elder of the church, a quiet, consistent, sincere Christian.

**Hawks:** From the home in Amelia County, Va., on Sunday afternoon, October 28, 1917, Mr. John E. Hawks was called to his reward. He leaves a devoted wife, six sons, five daughters, a brother and a sister to mourn his loss. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

Pastor.

### CLIFFORD LEROY HARE.

Died of pneumonia, October 25, 1917, in the third year of his age, Clifford Leroy Hare, son of C. L. and Dabney Bondurant Hare, of Auburn, Ala. A lovely little boy, whose death leaves the hearts of his parents and little sisters sorely smitten. The morning of the resurrection shall more than restore what is laid in the grave.

"Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade;  
Death came with fostering care,  
The opening bud to heaven conveyed,  
And bade it blossom there."

### MR. EDGAR MONTGOMERY SWOOPE.

Died October 26, 1917, at his home in Blacksburg, Va. Mr. Swoope was the son of Dr. William M. Swoope, and was born at Buckingham Courthouse on November 4, 1849. Uniting with the Presbyterian church of that place at fourteen, he continued all of his life loyal and faithful to the church of his fathers.

About 1868 he moved to Botetourt County, and was a member, a deacon and elder in the old Locust Bottom church, and its successor, the Glen Wilton church, until in 1911 he moved to Blacksburg, Va. Here he and his family united with the Presbyterian church. He was elected an elder, and served faithfully and quietly until he was called to the General Assembly and Church of the First Born. Mr. Swoope leaves his wife, nee Miss Grace Woolwine, of Montgomery County, and eight children: Trent S. and Misses Alice, Grace, Clara, Emma, Annie, Mattie and Mrs. A. P. Bennett. He leaves also four brothers—William M., of Botetourt County; T. K. and L. F., of Columbus, Miss.; J. L., of Farmville, Va., and one sister, Miss Clara A. Swoope, of Palmer Orphanage, Columbus, Miss.

His stepmother and five half-sisters and one half-brother also survive him. Mr. Swoope's death has been gradually approaching for several years, owing to an increasing leakage of the heart.

We may aptly describe the man in the words of one of his favorite psalms, "He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteous and speaketh the truth in his heart." So he abode in the tabernacle of the Lord and dwelt in his holy hill: he dwells for ever in the house of the Lord.

### MR. JACOB McWILLIAMS.

Mr. McWilliams was born in New

Jersey, October 4, 1827, and died in Plaquemine, La., October 4, 1917. He had made his home in the South since 1852, and was a leader in commercial and planting circles in Iberville parish.

He was an elder in the Plaquemine Presbyterian church, and it was due to his faithfulness that this church survived many discouragements and difficulties. Never absent from his place on the Sabbath, always ready to give of his means for every benevolence, his testimony for Christ was always a potent influence in his community.

Having no children of his own, he adopted many children of our orphanages as his. No appeal from an orphanage was ever refused. His wife, Minerva Clement, survives him at the age of eighty-four. They were married sixty-one years ago.

The church feels the loss of this valuable servant, but "his works live after him."

### MRS. SARAH T. DAUGHERTY.

Mrs. Sarah T. Daugherty, one of the most faithful workers and devoted members of the First Presbyterian church, Roanoke, passed away peacefully and quietly, September 10, 1917, in the eighty-ninth year of her age.

For sixty-nine years she had been a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian church. Thirty-six years of this time were spent in Charles Town, West Virginia; two years as a member of the Bridge Street church, District of Columbia, and thirty-one years as a member of the First Presbyterian church, Roanoke, Va.

At the time of her death, though nearly ninety years of age, she was an active and interested member of the Ladies' Aid Society and of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She was vice-president of the Aid Society and was one of the most regular attendants on the meetings of these organizations.

The following resolutions were adopted by these societies:

Whereas, it hath pleased our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to call our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. Sarah T. Daugherty, from her earthly home to her mansion above, and as she had expressed a desire before her affliction, "to depart and be with her Lord," whom she loved and had served so faithfully; therefore, be it resolved:

1. That though we feel our loss so deeply, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things for our eternal good. "He knoweth when His children are weary, and so He giveth His beloved sleep."

2. That while her noble example will ever remain an inspiration to us all, we will try to follow her leading, with the hope that we, too, may have "an abundant entrance into His upper and better kingdom."

3. That we assure the bereaved family of our tenderest sympathy, and commend them in love to the God of all grace and comfort.

4. That these resolutions be published in the Christian Observer, and a copy be sent to her family; and a page of our society records be set apart to her memory.

"We speak of the home of the blest,  
That country so bright and so fair,  
And oft are its beauties confessed,  
But what must it be to be there?"

Mrs. J. B. Stephenson,  
Mrs. J. A. Pack,  
Mrs. C. E. Rogan,  
Committee from Aid Society.  
Mrs. W. S. McClanahan,  
Mr. W. L. Davis,  
Miss Mattie Ammen,  
Committee from Missionary Society.